

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2 and 5-8 are pending.

Claims 3-4 have been cancelled.

Claims 6-8 have been cancelled.

Support for the amendments is found in the claims and specification (e.g., pages 22 and 30-32), as originally filed. Claim 1 comprises the limitations of claims 3 and 4. Support for claim 8 can be found claims 1, 3 and 4 and pages 1-3, 30-32 and 50-51 and the Examples on pages 42-44 as originally filed. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Claims 4-5 have been objected as being improper multiple dependent claims. Claim 4 has been cancelled and claim 5 has been amended to depend upon claim 2.

Applicants request that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement.

Use of a retardation film obtained by stretching a transparent resin film made of a cyclic olefin based resin-containing material is preferable because the resulting wavelength plate has excellent heat resistance and stability of a retardation (page 5 of the present specification)..

Claim 1 have been amended to be directed to a wavelength plate, wherein (i) X, Y, and Z each independently represent 0 or an integer between 1 and 10, and (ii) the retardation films have a ratio (Re800/Re550) of a retardation (Re800) in light having a wavelength of 800 nm to a retardation (Re550) in light having a wavelength of 550 nm of from 0.90 to 1.05.

The Examiner indicated that the claims directed to a plate satisfying the conditions (i) and (ii) are enabled (see the Official Action, pages 2-4).

The present specification describes that for the retardation films A, B, and C, the values of X., Y, and Z are from 0 to 10 (pages 30-32). The Examples on pages 41-44 also describe the retardation films A, B, and C having the values of X., Y, and Z from 0 to 10.

The present specification also describes that each of the retardation films A, B, and C has a ratio (Re800/Re550) of a retardation (Re800) in light having a wavelength of 800 nm to a retardation (Re550) in light having a wavelength of 550 nm of from 0.90 to 1.05 (page 32 and the Examples on pages 41-44).

It is believed that claims 1-2 and 5-8 are fully enabled for the claimed wavelength plate. Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

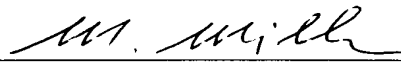
A Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is requested.

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